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In the Specification

Please amend the third paragraph of page 2 of the specification as the followings: The NOD2/CARD15 gene has the following Gene Bank Accession Number: AC007728 and AQ534686. The nucleotide sequence is available with the help of the given accession numbers from the NCBI data base at http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/.

Please amend the third to the fifth paragraph of page 15 of the specification as the followings:

For NOD2-SNP8 polymorphism

Primer: 1) 5' TTCCTGGCAGGGCTGTTGTC 3' (forward) (SEQ ID NO. 1)

2) 5' AGTGGAAGTGCTTGCGGAGG 3' (reverse) (SEQ ID NO. 2)

Probe: 1) 5' FAM-CCTGCTCCGGCGCCAGGC-TAMRA 3' (SEQ ID NO. 3)

2) 5' TET-CCTGCTCTGGCGCCAGGC -TAMRA 3' (SEQ ID NO. 4)

For NOD2-SNP12 polymorphism

Primer: 1) 5' ACTCACTGACACTGTCTGTTGACTCT 3' (forward) (SEQ ID NO. 5)

2) 5' AGCCACCTCAAGCTCTGGTG 3' (reverse) (SEQ ID NO. 6)

Probe: 1) 5' FAM-TTTTCAGATTCTGGGGCAACAGAGTGGGT-TAMRA 3' (SEQ

ID NO. 7)

2) 5' TET-TTCAGATTCTGGCGCAACAGAGTGGGT-TAMRA 3' (SEQ ID NO. 8)

For NOD2-SNP13 polymorphism

Primer: 1) 5' GTCCAATAACTGCATCACCTAG 3' (forward) (SEQ ID NO. 9)

2) 5' CTTACCAGACTTCCAGGATGGTGT 3' (reverse) (SEQ ID NO. 10)

Probe: 1) 5' FAM-CCCTCCTGCAGGCCCTTGAAAT-TAMRA 3' (SEQ ID NO. 11)

2) 5' TET- CCTCCTGCAGGCCCCTTGAAA - TAMRA 3' (SEQ ID NO. 12)